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1. EMBOFF RAISED CURRENT VISIT OF MINISTERS CETIN
AND BULUTOGLU TO BONN (REF A) WITH FRG FONOFF
OFFICIALS VON STEIN AND MATTHES. THE STATED PURPOSES
OF THE VISIT ARE TO INFORM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT OF
HOW THE TURKS SEE THEIR OWN ECONOMIC SITUATION AND TO
DISCUSS TURKISH WORKERS IN THE FRG.
2. STEIN SAID THE FRG EMBASSY IN ANKARA HAD BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO WARN THE TURKS NOT TO GET THEIR HOPES TOO
HIGH. THE ASSISTANCE TO BE OFFERED FOR 1978 IS
DM 130 MILLION (REF B) PLUS DM 50 MILLION COMMODITY
ASSISTANCE AS A LITTLE "EXTRA".
3. FONOFF KNOWS THE TURKS WILL WANT MORE, BUT AS YET
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THEY HAVE MADE NO REQUESTS. THE GERMANS WOULD LIKE TO
ACCOMMODATE THEM BUT THE DECISION IS A POLITICAL ONE
AND WILL BE MADE BY THE CHANCELLOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE ECEVIT VISIT. THERE ARE TWO POSSIBILITIES BEING
DISCUSSED: (1) INCREASING HERMES GUARANTEES, AND
(2) A GUARANTEED LOAN THROUGH THE KREDITANSTALT FUER
WIEDERAUFBAU. STEIN EMPHASIZED THAT THESE ARE ONLY

THEORETICAL POSSIBILITIES.

4. THE QUESTION OF OFFICIAL DEBT RESCHEDULING WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. WHILE THE FRG FINANCE AND ECONOMIC MINISTRIES STILL VIEW THE PARIS CLUB AS THE APPROPRIATE FORUM, STEIN THINKS IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO GET THE TURKS TO TAKE THAT ROUTE, THUS ECHOING GIELS'S ARGUMENT (REF C). THE ECONOMIC SECTION OF THE FONOFF IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE TURK'S DESIRE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS BE HELD IN THE CONSORTIUM.

5. SOURCES HOPE WE WILL KEEP THEM INFORMED OF OUR IDEAS IN THIS AREA AND PROMISED TO REPORT ON CONTINUING ECONOMIC PREPARATIONS FOR ECEVIT VISIT. STOESEL

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